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Viet Cong military activity continues at a relatively high level, especially in the northern provinces.

No unusual movements of North Vietnamese, Chinese, or Soviet forces have been detected within the past 24 hours.

There has been no significant shift in the Communist propaganda line on the Vietnam situation. On 9 March, Peiping broadcast a sharp criticism of recent Indian proposals for negotiation of the crisis, claiming that they were put forward to help the US out of its predicament in Vietnam.

According to Hanoi radio, the North Vietnamese defense minister, Vo Nguyen Giap, recently told a visiting Japanese delegation that the "only way out" for the US at present lies in the withdrawal of US forces from South Vietnam and the cessation of attacks on North Vietnam.

Giap reiterated the standard Hanoi theme that the Vietnamese people must be allowed to "settle their own affairs" in accordance with the program of the National Liberation Front, the political front group for the Viet Cong insurgents. [REDACTED]

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OAU-Congo: Efforts by the Organization of African Unity (OAU) to deal with the Congo issue appear to have reached a standstill.

After a five-day wrangle, the Nairobi conference of OAU foreign ministers ended on 9 March by adopting no new Congo resolution at all. The entire problem was bucked up to the African heads of state, who are not scheduled to meet until September in Accra. Some African diplomats present in Nairobi expect an extraordinary summit session to be convened much sooner.

The future of the OAU's special ten-member Congo commission is uncertain. Kenya's foreign minister, who has been closely associated with the commission, has said it will continue unchanged until the heads of state meet. Ethiopian officials, however, say that the commission has no further mission at this time, and this position seems likely to prevail.

The forces which favored a clear-cut endorsement of the Leopoldville government were evidently in the majority at Nairobi. Nevertheless, they again failed by one vote--as they had last September--to push through a resolution, authorizing African support for Tshombé, this time because three moderate states were absent at the final crucial session.

A compromise resolution sponsored by Ethiopia and Tunisia fell three votes short. [REDACTED]

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*Egypt: Nasir is gaining increased support from the other Arab states in Egypt's diplomatic crisis with West Germany. Yesterday he revealed Arab League recommendations to the Arab foreign ministers, listing the diplomatic steps which member states might take if West Germany recognizes and continues to assist Israel. These recommendations--basically accepting the Egyptian view--range from withdrawal of ambassadors to a united boycott of West Germany and a warning that Arab countries would "stop dealing" with great powers which continue support of Israel.

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Iraq: The Iraqi Government is preparing to renew its war against the rebellious Kurds in northern Iraq. Army units are being moved north, an economic blockade has been imposed on Kurdistan, all civilian travel there has been prohibited, and the government is branding the rebels as a small "imperialist-backed" group without popular support. Bagdad evidently plans soon to issue a final ultimatum--which will almost certainly be rejected--to Kurdish leader Barzani, and large-scale fighting is likely to begin late this month or early in April.

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France-US: Paris has partially rescinded its prohibition against US scientific activity in the Tahiti area, a decision presumably influenced by the intercession of French scientists. Limited use of Bellingshausen Island for solar eclipse observations has been approved, and the US will be permitted to provide some direct support for the Apollo-Gemini project. Paris, however, is still insisting that the recently established US Consulate at Papeete be closed. Also, a request to conduct oceanographic research in the Tuamotu Archipelago has been denied!

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Austria: The election of a successor to the late President Schaerf, now set for 23 May, may strain Austria's coalition government by accentuating differences between the Socialists and the conservative People's Party. The two parties have governed in coalition since the end of the war, but in recent years there has been growing disagreement between them over domestic economic policy and Austria's role in Europe. The People's Party candidate is former chancellor Alfons Gorbach who is strong in the provinces; the Socialists are expected to nominate Franz Jonas, Vienna's popular mayor.

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NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE

The United States Intelligence Board on 10 March 1965 approved the following national intelligence estimate:

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NIE 30-65, "The Arab-Israeli Problem"

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